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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Quarterly Report covers the activities carried out by the Youth Alliance Honduras-USAID (AJH-USAID) program (known as Alianza Joven Honduras-USAID in Spanish), Cooperative Agreement No. AID-522-A-12-00001 implemented by Creative Associates International, Inc., during the period from October 1 through December 31, 2014, which contributes to the Central America Regional Security Initiative (CARSI) Goal: Strong and resilient communities resist and prevent crime and violence.

This quarter, AJH-USAID achieved significant results and carried out key activities, as follows:

- The inauguration of the Suyapa Outreach Center (OC), Chamelecón Sector, San Pedro Sula, was held on October 3, with the attendance of: Armando Calidonio, Mayor of San Pedro Sula; Reinaldo Sánchez, Secretary of the Presidency; Alejandra Hernández, Deputy Secretary of Security for Prevention; Feryd Bascha, Director of the National Youth Institute; Scott Hedlund, Acting Director Governance and Democracy, Mauricio Cruz AOR, both from USAID-Honduras, and Graco Paredes, Director Corporate Environment Cervecería Hondureña. The AJH-USAID Program was represented by Deputy Director David Medina.
- This period, the second evaluation of AJH-USAID's "5 Star OC" Quality Certification was held, yielding the following results: 39 OCs were evaluated (34 existent and 5 new), of which 29 were certified as "5 Stars," 8 as "4 Stars," and 2 as "3 stars." These results mark a new stage in the OC network operation based on continuous quality improvements.
- On December 4 and 5, for the third consecutive year and with the goal of motivating, reinforcing capacities, and encouraging the exchange of experiences, the III National Meeting of Partners and Coordinators of Outreach Centers was held in Comayagua, with the participation of around 150 people. Apart from the participation of the OC partners and coordinators and the AJH-USAID team, the event counted with the presence of Alejandra Hernández, Deputy-Secretary for Prevention; Kurt Pope, USAID Deputy Mission Director; Mauricio Cruz, USAID/AOR; and other partners from government institutions and Municipalities that support the OCs. Throughout the meetings, the OCs that are part the Honduras Network were able to share their successful experiences, best practices and lessons learned. Moreover, methodological aspects were strengthened through the use of thematic rooms, panels and conferences. This meeting also served as a framework to hand out the trophies and certificates of the "5 Star OC" Quality Certification.

- During this quarter, AJH-USAID processed and submitted for approval 3 grant proposals to the Deputy Minister of Prevention, totaling Lps.1,350,000.00 (US\$67,500.00). These include 2 grants for the implementation of new OCs (CEDEN in Choloma, and La Melgar I in La Ceiba). For further details see the Grants and Alliances section.
- On September 30, an MOU to implement the 23 de Septiembre OC was signed with the Mayor of La Lima. The Municipality will provide a monthly allowance of Lps.7, 000.00 to support the future sustainability of this OC. The Municipality is also making a significant investment of Lps.709, 869.72 (US\$33,800) in the remodeling the premises for the OC.
- On October 3, an MOU was signed with IDECOAS-FHIS/*Mi Comunidad* (My Community-in Spanish funded by the World Bank), the Municipality of La Ceiba, and FUNADEH, to implement and provide support to the Melgar I OC. The IDECOAS/Mi Comunidad Project allocated Lps.480,000.00 (US\$22,857) for the implementation of this OC. In this agreement, the Municipality of La Ceiba reiterates that they will provide a monthly allowance of Lps.10, 000.00 (US\$500.00) to ensure the future sustainability of this and the other 6 OCs developed in the city.
- Seaboard Marine, a private sector company, is investing approximately. Lps.56,000.00 (US\$2,666) to contribute with the repairs to the community center where the Miguel Angel Pavón OC of San Pedro Sula will operate.
- For a second consecutive year, AHJ-USAID in alliance with the Lady Lee Foundation, launched the “Help Us Bring Happiness” toy drive in Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula. For each toy that the public donated, the Lady Lee Foundation contributed with an additional one. The institutions and organizations that supported this campaign are: Sub-Secretary of Security for Prevention, Aldeas SOS, the Macris School, UNITEC, Pan American Life Insurance Co., the El Heraldo newspaper, USAID, and the Department of Youth. A total of approximately 8,300 toys were collected, and will be distributed throughout the 46 OCs of the Honduras Network in January.
- On November 22, and within the framework of the Conference on Investment, which was associated with the Alliance for Prosperity initiative, in an event organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington DC, the Government of Honduras with the support of AJH-USAID, showcased a photographic exhibit called “*The Faces of Prevention*” (Rostros de la Prevención, in Spanish), which highlighted the Program’s violence prevention efforts in Honduras. The exhibit displayed 49 vibrant photos of children and youth beneficiaries of the Honduras Outreach Centers (OCs), volunteers, faith-based organizations, and community leaders who support the Program.

- The Deputy Director of AJH-USAID accompanied the Deputy-Secretary of Security for Prevention of Honduras to a series of meetings in Washington DC to organize and present the aforementioned exhibit, which was held within the framework of President Juan Orlando Hernández participation in the IDB event mentioned above. They also participated in the Forum on Child Migration held at the Atlantic Council, and met with Mr. Mark Feirstein, Associate Administrator of USAID in his office.
- AJH-USAID continued providing technical and financial support to 40 OCs currently operating within the Honduras OC Network, benefitting more than 22,002 youth and children in the highly-at-risk communities where the OCs operate.
- This quarter, 1,004 new youths were trained in the Dreaming my Life Challenge Modules I and II (Life Plans and Conflict Resolution). A total of 6,124 youth have been trained in these workshops.
- On November 3, four representatives of AJH-USAID, participated in a meeting held in Antigua Guatemala that was organized by CARSI with the USAID Missions and Programs of the region that are currently adapting, or are in the process of adapting the Youth Services Eligibility Tool (YSET) and Secondary Prevention based in the Family Model. During this meeting, AJH-USAID presented the progress and main findings of the implementation of the PROPONTE Pilot in Honduras.
- After the meeting mentioned above, on November 4 and 5, also in Antigua Guatemala, the AJH-USAID staff took part in a two-day conference called “Together for Action: Partnership for the Prevention of Crime and Youth Violence in the Americas.”
- As of December 31, 48 YSET-R interviews have been conducted by the Proponte Pilot, results of the data analysis show that for the majority of the intervention cases there is a reduction of the quantity of risk factors when compared to the YSET-I results. Also, when analyzing the combined risks, it can be concluded that there is a significant reduction of risk of joining gangs and violence in the participating youth.
- After her November 8 visit to the AJH-USAID program to discuss the YSET application and analysis in Honduras, an e-mail was received from researcher Dr. Karen Hennigan, from the University of Southern California (USC), indicating that “Overall, Honduras did an excellent job with the database and YSET interviews...We were impressed with the scope of the outreach.”

- This period, AJH-USAID concluded the “Community Talents Show” campaign. The last two events of this campaign were held in San Pedro Sula on October 4 and 5, respectively. The first event included the Chamelecón Sector OCs, where 15 talented young artists enthusiastically performed for an audience of approximately 300 people, and included the presence of the Deputy-Secretary of Security for Prevention, Alejandra Hernández. The second event was held in the Sandoval Sorto OC, where 20 young artists showcased their talents and brought together approximately 400 people from the community and other Choloma and San Pedro Sula OCs.
- On October 21, the Secretary of Labor and Social Security of Honduras, Carlos Madero and the Director of AJH-USAID, signed a cooperation agreement for the implementation of the “*Empléate*” (Get Employed) Program, which will enable OC youth beneficiaries to have access to jobs registered at the Secretariat’s jobs bank. The signing was held in the Estados Unidos OC of the Central District.
- AJH-USAID continued supporting the Youth Against Violence (JCVH) Association in its advocacy efforts and in the implementation of violence prevention activities. This quarter, JCVH completed two new activities according to the agreed objectives in their work plan. These were: the “Hit Violence with a Sticker,” and the “La Honduras Que Yo Quiero” (The Honduras that I Desire) awareness raising campaigns. JCVH continued with the implementation of activities already initiated in previous periods, as well as other activities not included in the current work plan that have funding from other donors.
- JCVH, with the support of AJH-USAID, intensified during this quarter their advocacy efforts to achieve the exoneration of pay for judicial and/or police records issued to youth looking for employment for the first time. At the time of writing of this report, this was accomplished through a reform of the Law for the Strengthening of Revenues, Social Equity and Public Expenditure Rationalization, which had a clause added to Article 49 Paragraph 8, waiving the payment of the cost of these records to youth under twenty-two years of age. The official publication of the reform in the National Gazette, which will make the reform official, is expected to happen in January 2015. The support received by JCVH from Congresswoman Carmen Esperanza Rivera, a member of the Honduran Congress representing La Ceiba, was key to accomplish this long sought reform.
- From December 12 to December 14, and for a third consecutive year, the III National Meeting of the JCVH took place in Sambo Creek, near La Ceiba, with the objective to self-evaluate all their activities during the year. The event also counted as the General Annual Assembly called by

JCVH's NGO charter, and also served to identify potential new collaboration with donors, particularly with KNH Honduras, who during the event announced that the organization was ready to have JCVH become their full partner during early 2015. This means that they will be providing financial support to JCVH activities during the next 5 years. JCVH instituted awards (trophies) in different categories, recognizing the efforts of the different Chapters and individuals. The event gathered nearly 100 participants.

- During this period, USAID approved a grant proposal to support the Judicial Branch in Juvenile and Restorative Justice, which through the Judicial School will facilitate training in this topic of key Juvenile Justice Operators.
- On November 27, the Social Movement, "Say Yes to Life" (Dile Sí a la Vida in Spanish) launched the campaign "*Coast to Coast, Honduras for Peace*" with assistance from AJH-USAID. This awareness-raising event was held in San Pedro Sula with the objective of calling for a halt to violence in Honduras. To carry out the project, people will hold hands and form a human chain between San Lorenzo and Puerto Cortes, covering 400 kilometers and involving nearly 400,000 people in the process. An estimated 500 people attended this event, including representatives of professional associations, such as the College of Physicians, College of Psychologists, College of Professional Nurses, among others, both university and high school students, and JCVH representatives from the San Pedro Sula and El Progreso chapters, along with other civil society organizations. The event was animated by national artists Guillermo Anderson and "El Chevo".
- On December 2, the Social Movement, "Say Yes to Life", continued with the launch of the "*Coast to Coast, Honduras for Peace*" campaign in Tegucigalpa. The event was held in the Auditorium of the College of Physicians of Honduras, with the assistance of around 400 people, including representatives of professional associations and an audience similar to the one in the launch of the campaign in San Pedro Sula. Deputy-Secretary of Security for Prevention Alejandra Hernández represented the Government of Honduras during the event.
- The new Ramón Amaya Amador OC became fully operational and very active, although its official inauguration is pending. It is expected that the President of Honduras, the U.S. Ambassador and/or the Director of USAID-Honduras will accommodate this inauguration in their schedules.
- In addition to the Ramón Amaya OC, progress has been made in the development of another six new OCs that are in different implementation stages. They are expected to be officially inaugurated in January (1)

February (5) and March (1), depending on the agendas of the authorities of the Government of Honduras, the U.S. Embassy, and USAID. The official inauguration will not hinder the development of the activities of these OCs.

- A total of 14 new micro-entrepreneurial or self-employment kits were delivered this quarter to beneficiaries of the insertion program implemented by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tegucigalpa (CCIT). As of the date of this report, a total of 189 kits have been delivered to high-at-risk youths that have benefited from this program.
- On December 19, Jesús Lanza (*Chuy* as he is known), a beneficiary of a social reintegration through entrepreneurship and employment training program for youth at high-risk run by the Tegucigalpa Chamber of Commerce and Industry with the support of AJH-USAID, won a prize of \$5,000 to invest in his small business as part of the “*Honduras Emprende*” entrepreneurship contest, held annually by the Tegucigalpa Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

I. RESUMEN EJECUTIVO

- El 3 de octubre, se inauguró el CDA Suyapa, en el Sector Chamelecón, San Pedro Sula con la presencia de, Armando Calidonio, Alcalde de San Pedro Sula; Reynaldo Sánchez, Secretario de la Presidencia; Alejandra Hernández, Sub Secretaria de Seguridad en el Despacho de Prevención; Feryd Bascha, Director del Instituto Nacional de la Juventud; Scott Hedlund, Director en funciones de Democracia y Gobernabilidad USAID-Honduras y Mauricio Cruz, AOR USAID-Honduras Graco Paredes, Director Ambiente Corporativo, Cervecería Hondureña. Por parte de AJH representó al programa el Sub-Director de AJH, David Medina.
- En este periodo se realizó la segunda evaluación de los CDA para la Certificación “CDA 5 Estrellas,” el resultado final producto de las 2 evaluaciones es de 39 CDA evaluados (34 originales y 5 nuevos), de los que 29 obtuvieron certificación “CDA 5 Estrellas,” 8 “CDA 4 Estrellas” y 2 “CDA 3 Estrellas.” Estos resultados confirman una nueva etapa en los CDA basada en la mejora continua de la calidad.
- Los días 4 y 5 de diciembre, en la ciudad de Comayagua, se llevó a cabo el III Encuentro Nacional de Socios y Coordinadores de CDA, con la participación de alrededor de 150 personas. Además de la participación de los socios y coordinadores de los CDA, este evento contó con la presencia de Alejandra Hernández, Sub Secretaria de Seguridad en el Despacho de prevención, Kurt Pope, Sub Director de Misión USAID, Mauricio Cruz, AOR USAID, y representantes de Organizaciones de Gobierno y Alcaldías que apoyan los CDA. Esta jornada, una vez más

sirvió para compartir los éxitos y lecciones aprendidas de los CDA, reforzar aspectos metodológicos a través de salas temáticas, paneles y conferencias magistrales, y a la vez sirvió de marco para la entrega de certificados y trofeos de la Certificación “CDA 5 Estrellas”.

- Durante este trimestre, AJH-USAID procesó y entregó para aprobación de la Sub-Secretaria de Seguridad para Prevención 3 propuestas de donación por un total de Lps.1,350,000.00 (US\$67,500.00). Estas incluyen las donaciones para la implementación de 2 Centros de Alcance (CEDEN en Choloma y Melgar I en La Ceiba). Ver el detalle en la sección de Donaciones y Alianzas.
- El 30 de septiembre, un Memorándum de Entendimiento para implementar el CDA 23 de Septiembre fue firmado con la Alcaldía de La Lima. Esta municipalidad proveerá una aportación mensual de Lps.7,000.00 para el apoyo de sostenibilidad futura de las operaciones del CDA. Asimismo está realizando una significativa inversión de Lps.709,869.72 en la remodelación de las instalaciones que ocupará el CDA.
- El 3 de octubre, se firmó un Memorándum de Entendimiento con IDECOAS – FHIS (proyecto Mi Comunidad, financiado por el Banco Mundial), la Alcaldía de La Ceiba y FUNADEH para proveer apoyo financiero complementario para la implementación del CDA La Melgar # 1 por Lps.480,000.00 por parte IDECOAS/Mi Comunidad. La Alcaldía de La Ceiba reitera en este convenio que brindará apoyo de Lps.10,000.00 mensuales para la sostenibilidad futura a este y los 6 CDA restantes de la ciudad.
- La empresa privada, Seaboard Marine, está invirtiendo aproximadamente Lps.56,000.00 para contribuir en las reparaciones de centro comunitario donde operará el CDA Miguel Ángel Pavón de San Pedro Sula.
- Por segundo año consecutivo, AJH-USAD en alianza con la Fundación Lady Lee, realizó la Campaña “Ayúdanos a Dar Felicidad” en la que por cada juguete donado por el público, la Fundación donará uno adicional. Entre las instituciones y organizaciones que han apoyado esta campaña están: Secretaria de Seguridad en el Despacho de Prevención, las Aldeas SOS, Macris School, UNITEC, Grupo Pan American Life Insurance Co., Diario El Herald, Empleados de USAID y el Departamento de Juventud. Un total de aproximadamente 8,300 juguetes fueron recolectados los que serán distribuidos en los 46 CDA de la Red en Honduras, la entrega se realizará en el mes de enero.
- El 22 de noviembre, dentro del marco de una Conferencia de Inversiones realizada en asocio con la iniciativa Alianza para la Prosperidad, un

evento organizado por el Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo (BID) en Washington, AJH-USAID presentó la exposición fotográfica denominada “Rostros de la Prevención”, destacando los esfuerzos del Programa Conjunto con el Gobierno de Honduras por medio del financiamiento de la CTF, a favor de la prevención de la violencia en el país. Se mostraron 49 fotos de jóvenes y niños miembros de los CDA, voluntarios, organizaciones basadas en la fe y líderes comunitarios que apoyan el Programa.

- El Subdirector de AJH-USAID acompañó a la Viceministra de Seguridad para Prevención de Gobierno de Honduras para la organización y presentación de la exposición fotográfica anteriormente descrita, que fue realizada en el marco de la participación del Presidente Juan Orlando Hernández en el evento del BID mencionado anteriormente y en una serie de reuniones en Washington DC, que incluyeron la participación en el Foro Sobre Migración Infantil en el Atlantic Council y una visita al señor Mark Feirstein, Administrador Asistente de USAID.
- AJH-USAID continuó proveyendo apoyo técnico y financiero a 40 CDA actualmente operando dentro de la Red de CDA de Honduras, que ha beneficiado a más de 22,002 jóvenes y niños en las comunidades de alto riesgo donde los CDA operan.
- Durante el trimestre, 1,004 nuevos jóvenes fueron capacitados en los dos módulos de Desafío Soñar mi Vida (Sueños de Vida y Resolución de Conflictos) para un total de 6,124 jóvenes entrenados en ambos talleres.
- El 3 de noviembre, representantes de AJH-USAID participaron en una reunión de trabajo en la ciudad de Antigua Guatemala, organizada por CARSJ con las Misiones USAID y los programas que están adaptando o se encuentra en proceso de iniciar la adaptación de la herramienta del YSET y el Modelo de Prevención Secundaria Basado en la Familia. AJH-USAID presentó los avances y hallazgos de la implementación de Programa Piloto PROPONTE en Honduras.
- El 4 y 5 de noviembre, seguidamente también en Antigua Guatemala, AJH-USAID participó en los dos días de conferencias denominadas “Juntos para la Acción”, Alianzas para la Prevención del Crimen y la Violencia Juvenil en las Américas.
- Al 31 de Diciembre se habían tomado 48 YSET-R, cuyos resultados presentan una tendencia que muestra en la mayoría de los casos en intervención, una reducción en la cantidad de factores de riesgo en relación al YSET-I. Asimismo al analizar los riesgos combinados, se puede concluir que hay una reducción significante del riesgo que los

jóvenes participantes se involucren con pandillas y/o actividades violentas.

- Después de su visita a AJH-USAID del 8 de noviembre para discutir la aplicación del YSET y analizar la experiencia en Honduras la Dr. Karen Hennigan, Investigadora de la Universidad del Sur de California (USC), remitió un correo electrónico indicando que “En general, Honduras realizó un excelente trabajo con la base de datos y las entrevistas YSET...Estamos impresionados con el alcance del trabajo realizado”.
- En este periodo AJH-USAID concluyó la Campaña “Festival Comunitario de Talentos.” Los últimos dos eventos, el primero el 4 de octubre para los CDA del Sector Chamelecón, contó con la participación de 15 artistas jóvenes que deleitaron a un público de aproximadamente 300 personas, incluyendo la presencia de la Sub Secretaria en el Despacho de Seguridad y Prevención Alejandra Hernández y el segundo, el 5 de octubre en el CDA Sandoval Sorto, con la participación de 20 artistas jóvenes y la asistencia de alrededor de 400 personas provenientes de los CDA de San Pedro Sula y Choloma.
- El 21 de octubre, el Secretario de Estado en los Despachos de Trabajo y Seguridad Social Carlos Madero y el Director de AJH-USAID, firmaron un convenio para implementar el Programa “Empléate,” que permitirá a los jóvenes de los CDA ingresar directamente a bolsas de empleo. La firma se llevó a cabo en el CDA Estados Unidos del Distrito Central.
- AJH-USAID continuó apoyando a la Asociación Jóvenes contra la Violencia (JCVH), tanto en sus acciones de incidencia como en la implementación de las actividades de prevención de violencia. En este trimestre JCVH llevó a cabo 2 nuevas actividades conforme su plan de trabajo: las campañas “La Honduras que yo Quiero” y “Pégale un Sticker a la Violencia,” además de continuar con la implementación de otras actividades iniciadas en los periodos anteriores. Adicionalmente, JCVH realizó diversas actividades no incluidas en el plan, que tienen financiamiento de otros donantes.
- JCVH, con el apoyo de AJH-USAID, intensificó durante este periodo sus esfuerzos para lograr la exoneración de pago de las constancias judiciales y/o policiales para los jóvenes que buscan su primer empleo. En el momento de la redacción de este informe, esto se había logrado a través de la reforma por adición al artículo 49 Numeral 8, de la Ley de Fortalecimiento de los Ingresos, Equidad Social y Racionalización del Gasto Público referente al pago por emisión de los actos administrativos, a fin de exonerar del pago de constancias de antecedentes judiciales y policiales a los jóvenes menores de veintidós años cuando estos la necesiten para trabajar en cualquier institución del Estado o en la

empresa privada. La publicación oficial de la Reforma en la Gaceta Nacional, se espera que ocurra en el mes de enero de 2015. El apoyo recibido por JCVH de la Diputada por La Ceiba, Carmen Esperanza Rivera, fue clave para lograr esta tan buscada reforma.

- Del 12 al 14 de diciembre, por tercer año consecutivo y con el fin de evaluar todas las acciones de sensibilización, concientización e incidencia política realizadas durante el transcurso del año, se realizó el III Encuentro Nacional de JCVH 2014 en Sambo Creek, La Ceiba. Este encuentro sirvió también como la Asamblea Anual General de JCVH estipulada en sus estatutos como ONG, además sirvió para plantear una nueva colaboración con los donantes, especialmente con KNH Honduras que expreso su intención de apoyar por 5 años más las actividades de JCVH. La labor de los diferentes capítulos, líderes y voluntarios de gran mérito de la organización, recibieron reconocimientos. Aproximadamente 100 personas participaron en el evento.
- Durante este periodo, se aprobó por parte de USAID, la propuesta de Apoyo al Poder Judicial en Justicia Juvenil Restaurativa, mediante la cual se facilitará entrenamiento en este tema y otros a operadores de justicia.
- El 27 de noviembre en San Pedro Sula, el Movimiento Social Dile Sí a la Vida y AJH-USAID lanzaron la campaña “De Costa a Costa Honduras por la Paz” en esa ciudad. El objetivo de esta campaña es hacer conciencia en la población hondureña y proclamar un alto a la violencia por medio de una Cadena Humana que cruzará el país desde San Lorenzo a Puerto Cortés, cubriendo 400 kilómetros e involucrando a más de 400,000 personas. Al evento asistieron alrededor de 500 personas, incluyendo representantes del Colegio Médico, Colegio de Psicólogos, Colegio de Enfermeras, estudiantes de diferentes Universidades y colegios de la ciudad y de Jóvenes Contra la Violencia Honduras (JCVH) de los capítulos de San Pedro Sula y El Progreso, entre otras instituciones de la sociedad civil. El evento fue amenizado por el cantante Guillermo Anderson y el joven cantante “El Chevo”.
- El día 2 de diciembre en Tegucigalpa, en el Auditorio del Colegio Médico de Honduras, con la asistencia de más de 400 personas, se hizo el lanzamiento correspondiente a la Capital de la campaña “De Costa a Costa Honduras por la Paz” del Movimiento Dile Sí a la Vida, con alta representación de los gremios como en el evento de San Pedro Sula y contando con la presencia de la Vice-Ministro de Seguridad para Prevención Alejandra Hernández en representación del Gobierno de Honduras
- El nuevo CDA Ramón Amaya Amador está operando plenamente y su inauguración oficial está en espera que el Presidente de la República y

Embajador de los Estados Unidos y/o el Director para Honduras de USAID puedan conciliar sus agendas.

- Además del CDA Ramón Amaya, se ha avanzado en el desarrollo de seis CDA adicionales que están en diferentes etapas y esperan ser inaugurados oficialmente en los meses de enero (1), febrero (5) y marzo (1), dependiendo de las agendas de las autoridades del Gobierno de Honduras, la Embajada de Estados Unidos y de la USAID. Las inauguraciones oficiales no obstaculizan el desarrollo de las actividades de los centros.
- Un total de 14 nuevos kits de microempresas y auto-empleo fueron entregados durante este periodo a los beneficiarios del programa de reinserción implementado por la Cámara de Comercio e Industria de Tegucigalpa (CCIT). Hasta la fecha, 189 kits han sido entregados a jóvenes en riesgo alto a través de este programa.
- El 19 de diciembre, Jesús Lanza, (Chuy como se lo conoce) beneficiario del programa de reinserción social para jóvenes ex miembros de pandillas y/o provenientes de programas de justicia juvenil, que ejecuta AJH - USAID con la Cámara de Comercio e Industria de Tegucigalpa (CCIT), ganó un premio de \$ 5,000 en el concurso de iniciativa empresarial "Honduras Emprende," que otorga anualmente CCIT. Chuy no siempre ha sido tan exitoso. Hace apenas un par de años, él comenta que estaba fuera de curso en las drogas con hábitos destructivos. Con el apoyo de Alianza Joven Honduras (AJH) y la Cámara de Comercio, Chuy ha experimentado una transformación.

LEVERAGE

This third quarter, AJH-USAID raised US\$ 608,546.00 in leverage. The total accrued leverage amount obtained by the program from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014 is of US\$ 5101,991.00, placing AJH-USAID above the target ratio of 1:1, reaching a 1:1.19 USAID funding to Leverage ratio, since the total project costs for the same period were US\$ 4,301,199.00. (See Annex I: Financial Information and Leverage.)

PROGRAM EXPOSURE

During this quarter, the AJH-USAID Program received ample TV, radio, and press coverage. Including the coverage of Youth Against Violence (JVCH), there were 22 televised media reports, 19 radio broadcasts, 2 publications in print media, and 10 publications in digital portals. (See Annex II: Media Coverage.)

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

On November 15, 2014, the Security Tax Trust Committee (CTF), made a third disbursement of funds donated by the Government of Honduras to the AJH-USAID Program, totaling 3 million Lempiras. The total disbursed to date is 15 million Lempiras (approximately US\$714,285). Two disbursements are pending as follows: the first for 3 million lempiras, programed to be received in January 2015, and the second and last one for 2 million lempiras, expected to be received in March 2015.

II. GRANTS AND ALLIANCES

During the fourth quarter of the 2014 calendar year, AJH-USAID processed and submitted for approval six grant proposals to USAID and/or the Deputy Minister of Prevention (in the case of CTF provided funding), totaling US\$ 104,500.00.

No	Grant Application/Number	Municipality	Name of the Project	AJH-USAID funds	Security Tax Funds	Cost sharing from partners
1	SG-013-2014-USAID	Tela	Outreach Center "Por mi Barrio" 15 de septiembre	US\$2,000.00	(approved last quarter)	The cost sharing information was included in the third quarter report
2	SG-014-2014-USAID MG-051-2014-TS	Choloma	Outreach Center "Por mi Barrio" CEDEN	US\$1,000.00	US\$12,500.00	US\$44,825.00
3	MG-015-2014-USAID	Central District	Support the Judicial Branch in Juvenile Restorative Justice	US\$30,000.00		US\$35,750.00
4	SG-017-2014-USAID MG-052-2014-TS	La Ceiba	Outreach Center "Por mi Barrio" Melgar No. 1	US\$2,000.00	US\$15,000.00	US\$45,470.00

5	SG-018-2014-USAID	La Lima	Outreach Center "Por mi Barrio" 23 de septiembre	US\$2,000.00		The cost sharing information was included in the third quarter report
6	MG-054-2014-TS	National	PROJOVEN - FUNADEH		US\$40,000.00	US\$8,720.00
TOTALS				US\$37,000.00	US\$67,500.00	US\$134,765.00

(See Annex III: Grants Register.)

Five of the six grants were presented to USAID and had a share from USAID funding totaling US\$ 37,000. These grants include:

1. Establishment of new Outreach Center – 15 de Septiembre, Tela. In partnership with COMVIDA Tela.
2. Establishment of new Outreach Center – CEDEN, Choloma. In partnership with COMVIDA Choloma.
3. Support the Judicial Branch in Juvenile and Restorative Justice.
4. Establishment of new Outreach Center - Col. Melgar # 1, La Ceiba. In partnership with Filadelfia Church.
5. Establishment of new Outreach Center – 23 de Septiembre, La Lima. In partnership with COMVIDA La Lima

The share of Security Tax/CTF co-funding for two of the five grants processed was included in the report of the third quarter of 2014. The grant to support the Judicial Branch in Restorative Juvenile Justice has no CTF co-funding. The share of CTF co-funding for these two OCs is US\$27,500.00 (US\$12,500 in the case of OC CEDEN and US\$15,000 in the case of OC Melgar # 1).

The last grant processed during this period was to support PROJOVEN-FUNADEH with US\$40,000.00 (CTF funding only).

SUMMARY

Key data indicators for the life-of-project grant component to the end of the reported quarter are as follows:

USAID

Total amount in grants presented to USAID this quarter: US\$ 37,000.00
 Total accumulated amount in grants presented to USAID: US\$ 985,073.96
 Total amount in grants approved by USAID: US\$ 985,073.96
 Total accumulated amount of cost sharing committed by Grantees: US\$ 2,971,213.54

CTF

Total amount in grants presented to the Deputy Minister: for Prevention this quarter: US\$ 67,500.00
 Total accumulated amount in grants presented to the Deputy Minister for Prevention: US\$ 760,870.10
 Total amount in grants approved: US\$ 720,870.10

* By the end of this quarter the PROJOVEN – FUNADEH grant was pending approval.

Grants Pending Approval by USAID/Honduras

At the end of the quarter, there was no grant pending approval.

ALLIANCES

Fostering strategic alliances with high-leverage potential was another key activity the AJH-USAID project continued to pursue during this reporting period:

Alliance	Obtained Benefits
AJH-USAID/ Cervecería Hondureña (Honduran Brewery)	Soft drinks for the inauguration of the OCs 10 de Septiembre and Suyapa, in Chamelecón. Cervecería is committed to continue supporting OC activities.
MUNICIPALITY OF LA LIMA	An MOU between Municipality of La Lima and AJH-USAID was signed. The Municipality of La Lima will support the sustainability of the operations of the 23 de septiembre OC with Lps.7,000 monthly.
IDECOAS-FHIS, MUNICIPALITY OF LA CEIBA, AJH Y FUNADEH	An MOU between IDECOAS – FHIS, Municipality of La Ceiba, FUNADEH, and AJH-USAID was signed to provide financial support for the implementation of the new OC Melgar # 1 (Lps.480,000.00 will be provided by IDECOAS). The Municipality of La Ceiba will support the sustainability of this OC with Lps.10, 000 per month, as

	well as for the remaining the 6 OCs implemented in the city.
SECRETARY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE	An MOU between the Secretary of Labor and Social Welfare and AJH-USAID, was signed to provide OC beneficiaries access to the EMPLEATE Program (online Job Bank) and training to Coordinators in its use.
"Help us give happiness" Campaign	An alliance with the Lady Lee Foundation was developed for the second consecutive year to hold the "Help us give happiness" campaign. For each toy donated by the public, the Foundation will give an additional toy. The following companies and institutions supported this campaign: Under Secretary of Security on Prevention, Aldeas SOS, Macris School, UNITEC, Pan American Life Group, Diario El Herald, the Judicial School, USAID employees and the Youth Department. Over 8,000 toys were collected and will be distributed in the 46 OCs in January. This campaign was launched in Tegucigalpa on December 8, with the participation of the Deputy-Minister for Prevention Alejandra Hernández. The campaign was also launched in the City Mall of San Pedro Sula on December 12.

III. INDICATORS AND RESULTS

AJH USAID
Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

Indicator	Baseline	EOPS Targets	Through December 2014	Evaluation of Results
Result 1: Decrease in community vulnerability to crime and violence risk factors through sustainable community institutions that support local youth and crime prevention activities.				
Intermediate Result 1.1: Youth become responsible and productive members of their communities.				
Ind. 1:	<i>Systematize the Adaptation and Development of a Data Driven Secondary Prevention Model.</i>	N/A	Systematization document of the experience and critical components. 300 YSET-I Assessments	300 YSET-I Assessments Met Expectations
At the closing of this quarter, a total of 300 YSET Assessments had been applied and the PROPONTE team was working with 81 eligible youths and their families and 24 eligible youths had been defined as the control group. On November 3, in an event held in Antigua Guatemala, representatives of the Youth Alliance Honduras USAID Program (AJH-USAID) participated in an exchange of experiences meeting with other programs that are currently adapting, are in the process or in the future may adapt, the Young Services Eligibility Tool (YSET) in the region (Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador).				
Ind. 2:	<i>Assessment of the Reduction in Risk Factors and its Associated Behaviors Based of the Current Version of the YSET Tool.</i>	N/A	100 YSET-R and the resulting YSET-R2 Assessments of beneficiaries continuing to Cycle 2	48 YSET-R Met Expectations
A total of 20 YSET-R were applied this quarter, for a total of 48 YSET-R; results of the data analysis show that for the majority of the intervention cases there is a reduction of the quantity of risk factors when compared to the YSET-I results. Also, when analyzing the combined risks, it can be concluded that there is a significant reduction of risk of joining gangs and violence in the participating youth.				
Intermediate Result 1.2: Strengthen the sustainability of the OC methodology and existing OC networks.				
Ind. 3:	<i>Percentage of OCs that receive four and five stars in the "Five Stars OC" Quality Certification System.</i>	N/A	50% (5 Stars) 35% (4 Stars)	74% 5 Stars 21% 4 Stars Exceeded Expectations
This period, the second evaluation of AJH-USAID's "5 Star OC" Quality Certification was held,				

yielding the following results: 39 OCs were evaluated (34 existent and 5 new), of which 29 were certified as “5 Stars”, 8 as “4 Stars” and 2 as “3 stars.” Trophies and certificates were presented on December 4 and 5 in the framework of the III National Meeting of Partners and Coordinators of Outreach Centers.					
Ind. 4:	Number of youth at Risk that received prevention benefits from OCs	18,349	23,000	22,002	Met Expectations
To date, there are 22,002 members registered in 40 OCs (F: 11,931 M: 10,071). In this quarter, 1,004 new youths were trained in the two Dreaming My Life Challenge modules (Life Plans and Conflict Resolution), bringing the total to 6,124 youth trained.					
Intermediate Result 1.3: Youth against Violence Honduras (JCVH) advocacy and activities program for violence prevention.					
Ind.5	Number of violence prevention initiatives promoted by JCVH approved by the Government of Honduras	2	4	3	Met Expectations
JCVH, with the support of AJH-USAID, intensified during this quarter their advocacy efforts to achieve the exoneration of payment for judicial and/or police records issued to youths looking for employment for the first time. At the time of writing of this report, this was accomplished through a reform of the Law for the Strengthening of Revenues, Social Equity and Public Expenditure Rationalization, which had a clause added to Article 49 Paragraph 8, waiving the payment of the cost of the said records to youth under twenty-two years of age. The official publication of the reform in the National Gazette, which will effective the reform, is expected to happen in January 2015.					
Ind.6	Number of activities implemented by JCVH to promote violence prevention.	16	28	44	Exceeded Expectations
This quarter JCVH completed two new activities according to the agreed objectives of their work plan. These were: the “Hit Violence with a Sticker,” and the “La Honduras que yo Quiero” (The Honduras that I Desire) awareness raising campaigns. JCVH continued with the implementation of activities already initiated in previous periods, as well as others not included in the current work plan that have funding from other donors. In addition, television broadcasts continued this period in the National Television (Channel 8) and in Atlántida TV, a local channel from La Ceiba.					
Intermediate Result 1.4: Greater engagement from the private sector, government civil society in the prevention is achieved through campaigns and social responsibility initiatives involving media and other grants.					
Ind.7	Number of Civil Society Organizations receiving USG assistance in security/prevention sector oversight and advocacy	6	10	10	Met Expectations

In the past, AJH-USAID had reported: 1) JCVH (Youth Movement), 2) FUNADEH, 3) Asociación para una Sociedad más Justa (Association for a More Just Society), 4) Misioneros de la Calle (Street Missionaries), 5) Red Cross of La Ceiba 6) Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tegucigalpa. The assistance is ongoing in four of the cases. AJH-USAID has added four Civil Society Organizations: 7) The “Dile Si a la Vida” social movement, 8) Buckner Honduras, and 9) Asociación Cristiana de Jóvenes -Christian Youth Association (ACJ-YMCA.) and 10) Vision to the Nations Ministries Association.

Ind. 8	Number of communities reached by media, mobile and community crime prevention campaigns	0	45	49	Exceeded Expectations
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The first prevention campaign, *Piénsalo Bien* (“Think it Over”) campaign, reached 10,243 young beneficiaries of 49 communities in 9 municipalities. The second round of the “Community Talents Show” campaign concluded this period. This activity was carried out in highly-at-risk communities of the Central District, La Ceiba, San Pedro Sula and Choloma (the same intervention communities as of the first campaign), bringing together more than 2,700 people.

Result 2: Increased skill building and employment opportunities for youth through multi-sectorial partnerships

Ind. 9	Number of Youths participating in skills building and/or vocational training who are involved in income generating activities as a result	180	480	340	Below Expectations.
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In this period, 35 more youth had been registered as involved in income generating activities or jobs as a result of benefits or services received at OCs, for a total of 340 youth benefited. During this quarter, 488 OC youth were trained by INFOP and 281 by FUNADEH. Also during this quarter more than 1,856 members benefited from other type of training offered through the OCs (more than 56,797 training hours). The sub-registry of beneficiaries still persists, but has been diminished and the gap is closing.

Result 3: Increased income generating or employment opportunities for ex-gang and former violent barra members, and from restorative justice programs

Ind. 10	Number of youths (former gang, violent soccer “barras” members and from restorative justice programs) trained which are in income-generating activities.	49	119	189	Exceeded Expectations
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A total of 18 new beneficiaries were trained and 14 handed self-employment/micro entrepreneurial “kits” for total of 189 former gang or violent barra members and former youth offenders benefited by the CCIT/AJH program so far.

Result 4: Supporting the Implementation of the Juvenile Justice Reforms with a Restorative Justice focus

Ind. 11	Number of key Juvenile Justice Operators, Government and NGO personnel trained in the Juvenile Justice reforms.	0	60	0	Met Expectations
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During this period, USAID approved a grant proposal to support the Judicial Branch in Juvenile Restorative Justice with the training of Juvenile Justice Operators. It is expected that the activities will begin next quarter.

IV. RESULTS AND ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER

Ind. 1: Systematize the Adaptation and Development of a Data Driven Secondary Prevention Model.

On November 3, 2014, USAID/CARSI held an invitation-only meeting in Antigua Guatemala as a part of the USAID/World Bank Violence Prevention Conference. The goal of the meeting was to brief all Mission personnel from Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua on the secondary prevention model. The briefing was comprised of presentations by the LA Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD), the University of Southern California, as well as the secondary prevention pilots from Honduras and Mexico.

The secondary prevention model was introduced in Central America through an agreement between USAID and the GRYD Office while the latter was under the direction of Deputy Mayor Guillermo Cespedes. The secondary prevention pilots are part of a CARSI regional strategy to develop capacity in empirically driven secondary prevention within USAID funded programs. In 2013 the Honduras pilot was the first in Central America to implement the secondary prevention model. All of the didactic materials developed in the Honduras pilot were shared with the Mexican counterparts who had also been trained by Guillermo Cespedes. In addition the Honduras pilot is sharing resources and lessons learned with the El Salvador pilot scheduled to start in late February or early March.

During this meeting, Guillermo Céspedes shared conceptual aspects of the model and its adaptation in Honduras, including the establishment of teams, the selection of communities, the interview process, the implementation of the model in the field, and the progress of the pilot to date. Some of the main findings presented are as follows:

The Honduras experience has been enriched by the close contact with the participant's families during the individual household visits, which has increased the confidence among the families, thus allowing a better family reorganization process. Furthermore, household visits have also allowed the identification of specific conditions within the families related to cultural, social, and economic aspects that encourage and enhance the behaviors of youths with regards to their vulnerability to violence.

Another important aspect are the emergency situations that the team of family counselors has had to overcome, which range from outbreaks of violence in the communities to internal family conflicts such as physical and substance abuse, or death. Support has been facilitated regarding these matters, including individual cases sent to specialized institutions, counseling to cope with the crises, and in some cases some financial support.

In Honduras, 33% of the eligible intervention cases are women. The group has identified a trend reflecting that among the eligible females the risk level is higher when compared to the eligible males.

Similarly, 36% of the interviewed youths reported family members living abroad.

The Honduras experience underlines the need to adjust the eligibility cutoff points. As a result of the preliminary interviews and the contribution of the referral sources, and/or parents, it was identified that youth who yielded 3 and 2 close risks in their YSET results displayed high-risk circumstances and behaviors. After careful analysis conducted by AJH-USAID's Direction, the Academic Consultant Dr. German Moncada, The University of Southern California, Karen Hennigan, Guillermo Cespedes, and the team of family counselors, it was decided that such cases will be considered and analyzed individually by the strategy teams.

The aforementioned was validated by Dr. Karen Hennigan during her last visit to Honduras, following the meetings held in Guatemala. Throughout this visit the YSET tool was revised, resulting in the change of several questions and the addition of new ones. A new YSET-H2 was developed and it will be used should the secondary prevention pilot be expanded in Honduras. In addition, the El Salvador pilot will use the YSET H2 as a point of departure in the implementation of its secondary prevention.

After these work meetings and the Honduras visit, Dr. Hennigan highlighted the excellent work regarding the progress of the database, and the YSET interviews conducted in Honduras. In an email message sent to the program, she described the work as follows: “Overall, Honduras did an excellent job with the database and YSET interviews. It appears to be quite accurate and complete with minor exceptions. One issue that was noted is that the youth referral source was omitted for almost all cases (perhaps because that variable was labeled in English). Otherwise, the data look accurate and the YSETs look very good. We were impressed with the scope of the outreach.”

On November 4 and 5, also in Antigua Guatemala and following the CARSI convened meeting mentioned before, AJH-USAID took part in a two day conference called “Together for Action: Partnership for the Prevention of Crime and Youth Violence in the Americas”. Guillermo Céspedes, Salvador Stadthagen, David Medina, Lesbia Alvarado, and María Ester Jaén participated in the conference.

On December 4, the PROPONTE team and Guillermo Céspedes met with Enrique Roig, CARSI Coordinator at USAID, to present the experience of the Pilot. This meeting also served to answer all the questions Mr. Roig had regarding the youth behaviors and difficult situations encountered, as well as other lessons learned.

Similarly, on December 12, the team held a meeting with Gabriela Leva, Program Officer-CARSI USAID/Honduras, and Mauricio Cruz, AOR USAID/Honduras, to discuss additional topics regarding the day-to-day activities of the Pilot, such as administrative processes, preparation of case files, data base entry process, and any other processes that complement the counseling efforts of the team.

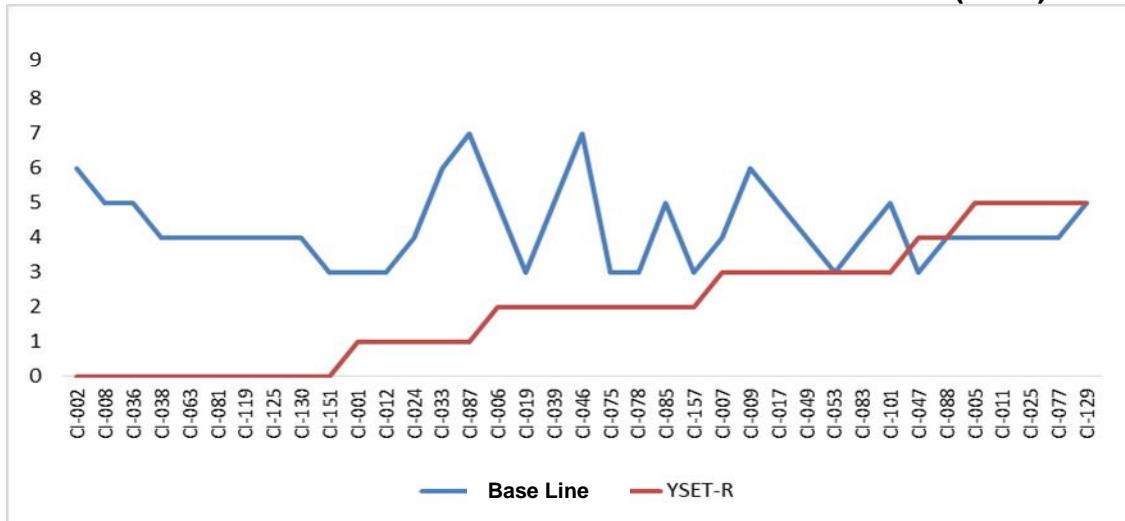
Ind. 2: Assessment of the Reduction in Risk Factors and its Associated Behaviors Based of the Current Version of the YSET Tool

See below a Summary of Assessments, Treatment and Control Group.

Description	Male	Female	Total
Total YSETs Applied	212	88	300
Total Eligible Participants	73	35	108
Participants Receiving Counseling	51	30	81

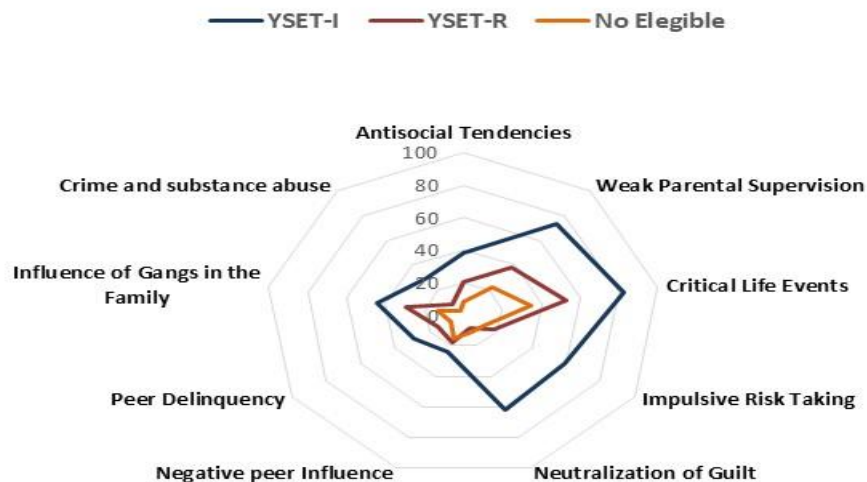
Participants that left the Program	3		3
Total Eligible Participants of Control Group	19	5	24
Youth Identified in need of Tertiary Prevention	7	2	9
Total YSET-R Applied	35	13	48

TENDENCY OF NUMBER OF RISK FACTORS YSET-I / YSET-R (n=37)



The YSET-R results show that for the majority of the intervention cases there is a reduction of the quantity of risks when compared to the YSET-I results. The significance of the counseling process is evidenced by these results.

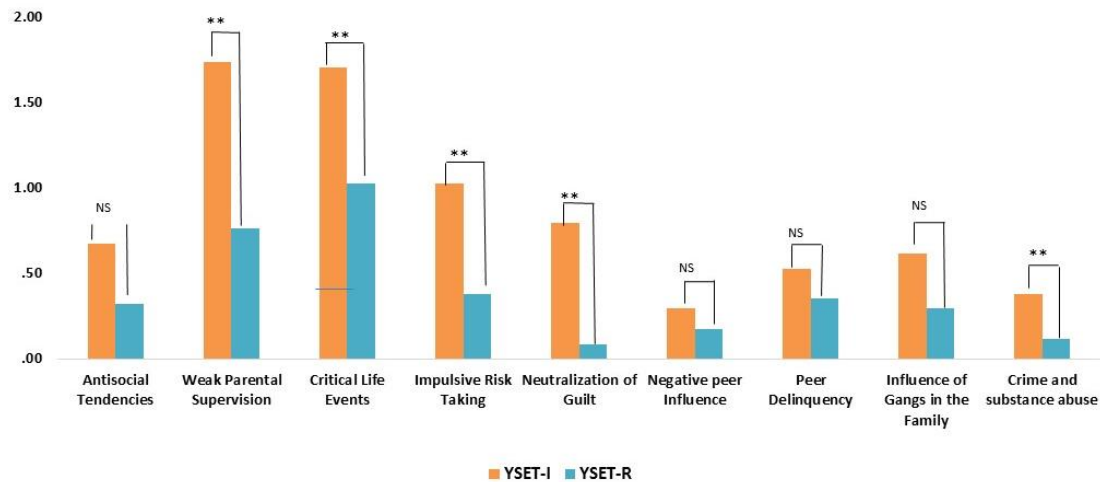
COMPARISON OF RISK FACTORS YSET-I/ YSET-R/ NON ELIGIBLE



In order to determine if the results of the intervention process are statistically significant, an analysis of the YSET-I and YSET-R data was conducted. It was observed that 5 risk factors were statistically significant. With these outcomes, it

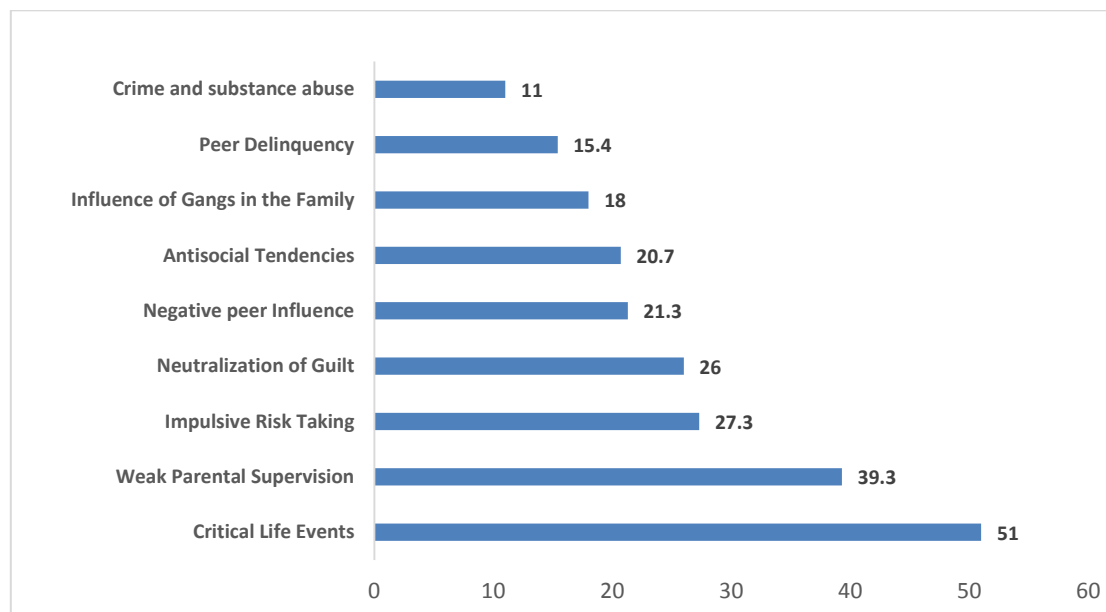
can therefore be concluded that as a result of the counseling services, the following risks have been reduced: weak parental supervision, critical life events, impulsive risk-taking, neutralization of guilt, and peer delinquency related to substance abuse. It should be emphasized that the first four risks appear more frequently among the intervened youths.

DIFFERENCE OF MEANS, COMPARING YSET I CON YSET-R (n=37)

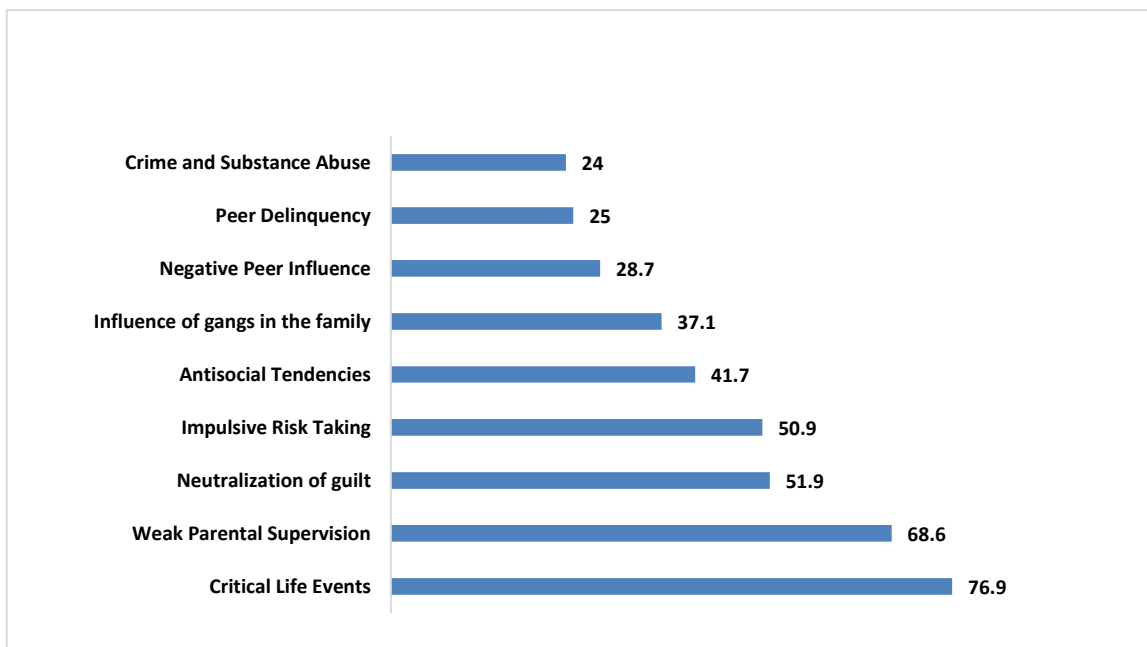


FREQUENCY OF RISK FACTORS (300 YSET)

NS: Non-significant Difference **: Statistically Significant Difference

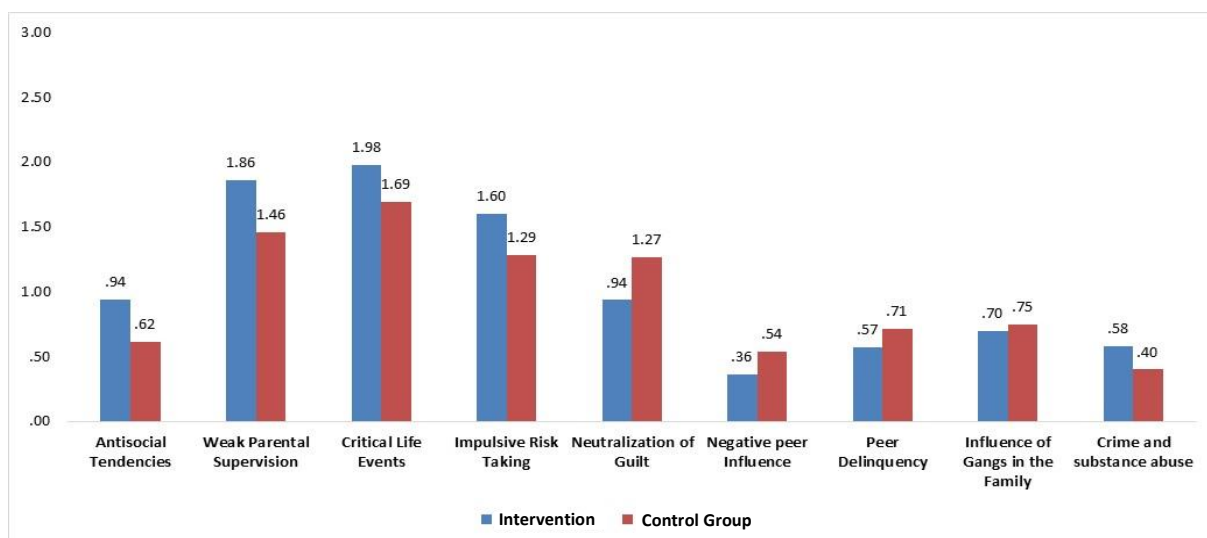


FREQUENCY OF RISK FACTORS (108 ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS)

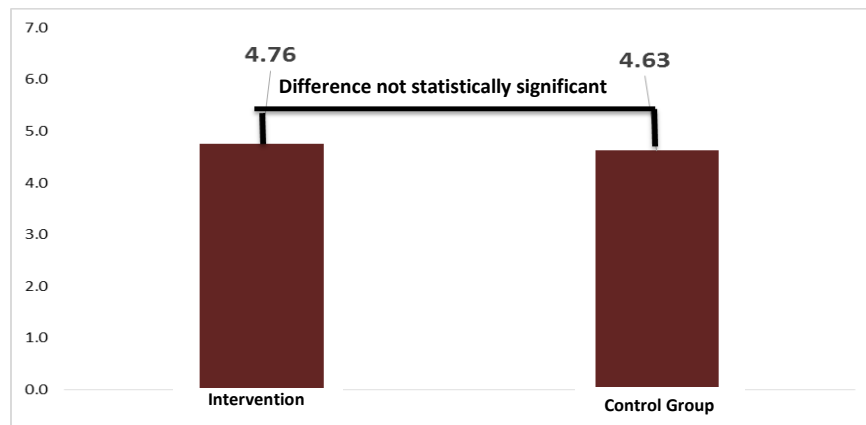


Similarly, a statistical analysis was performed to validate the homogeneity of the intervention and control groups, verifying that there are no statistically significant differences between the two.

RISK FACTOR COMPARISON BETWEEN THE INTERVENTION AND CONTROL GROUPS



COMPARISON OF THE NUMBER OF RISK FACTORS IN THE INTERVENTION AND CONTROL GROUPS

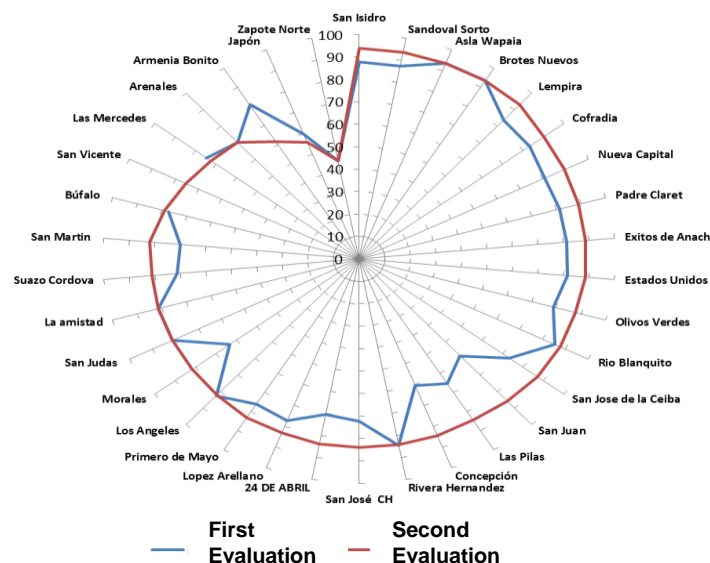


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INTERMEDIATE RESULT 1.2: STRENGTHEN THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE OC METHODOLOGY AND EXISTING OC NETWORKS

Ind. 3: Percentage of OCs that receive four and five stars in the “Five Stars OC” Quality Certification System.

The second evaluation for the “Five Stars OC” Quality Certification System was held this period. The overall results reflect the commitment that both partners and coordinators, as well as the Program’s field officers, dedicated to establish better



practices and processes in the OCs. The majority of the OCs evaluated improved their score when compared to their first evaluation, thus marking a new stage in the OCs' operations based on continuous quality improvements.

The results of both evaluations are summarized as follows:

	First Evaluation	Second Evaluation
OCs Evaluated	34	39 (5 OC evaluated in the first round where not physically/formally evaluated during the second round, but through observation were considered as maintaining the same score; the evaluation of 5 new OCs was included)
5 Stars	16	29
4 Stars	14	8
3 Stars	4	2

The five OCs which were not evaluated formally this second round are as follows:

- **Asla Wapaia and Brotes Nuevos (Puerto Lempira):** Due to the considerable geographic distance of both OCs, the evaluation was not held this period. Nonetheless, both OCs report and document high levels of activity, which guarantees that the score of the first evaluation has been maintained (both are 5 Star OCs).
- **San Judas (La Ceiba):** The coordinator was prepared for the visit, but upon arrival she experienced serious health complications and was provided medical assistance. As observed during the visit, and from the reports presented by the field team, the OC maintains its score (5 Star OC).
- **Arenales (SPS):** This OC was temporarily closed due to internal conflicts with the community board (4 Star OC).
- **Zapote Norte (DC):** The operation of this OCs has been affected due to the constant outbreaks of violence in this community, which has forced the OC to temporarily close at times. It was also reported that members, volunteers and residents in this community prefer to remain in their households as a safety measure (3 Star OC). It is important to mention that this OC had been recently inaugurated during its first evaluation visit, and therefore had just started its operations. For this reason their score was low, however it is observed to possess a strong growth potential.

This evaluation included 5 new OCs, some which started to operate partially in 2014, except for:

- El Edén (DC)
- La Melgar (La Ceiba)

OCs (29) obtaining 5 Stars in the Certification and their respective scores:

		Nueva Capital	89.5		
		Padre Claret	89		
		Éxitos de Anach	88.8		
		Estados Unidos	88.7		
		Olivos Verdes	87.8		
		Río Blanquito	87.7		
		San José de la Ceiba	87.1		
		San Juan	85.8		
		Las Pilas	84.5		
		Concepción	84.5		
		Rivera Hernández	84.3		
San Isidro	93.9	San José CH	84.1		
Sandoval Sorto	93.8	24 De Abril	84.0	Morales	81.7
Asla Wapaia	93.5	López Arellano	83.2	San Judas	81.4
Brotes Nuevos	93.5	Primero de Mayo	83.2	La amistad	81.35
Lempira	93.0	Los Ángeles	82.2	Suazo Córdova	81.1
Cofradía Centro	90.3	San Martín	82.1		



The OCs in this group were awarded a trophy and a certificate, presented within the framework of the III National Meeting of Partners and Coordinators of Outreach Centers, an event held on December 4 and 5. Both coordinators and partners were encouraged to maintain their 5 star certification and surpass their current score.

Furthermore, those OCs who did not reach the “5 Star” category were motivated to overcome the weaknesses identified in their evaluation report in order to achieve the “5 Star” goal. It is important to mention that the public awards ceremony stimulated and motivated both the trophy recipient awardees and all the OCs that got their Star Certifications. This kind of event generates a healthy competition and challenges OC partners to obtain higher recognitions.

The 4 and 3 Star OCs who received their accreditation certificate are listed below.

OCs (8) obtaining 4Stars in the Certification are:

Búfalo	78.9		
21 de Febrero	77.9		
San Vicente	75.5		
San Francisco	74.05		
Las Mercedes	72.3	Ramón Amaya Amador	68.25
Arenales	70.3	Armenia Bonito	61.5



OCs (2) obtaining 3 Stars in the Certification are:

Japón	55.7
Zapote Norte	44.4



As an integral part of the continuous quality improvement process and within the framework of AJH-USAID's yearly planning meeting, which took place on December 3, the Program reviewed the results of this evaluation in order to further guide OC technical assistance needs, as follows:

The OCs which fell under the 5 Star OC certification, and who scored higher than 90 points, are fulfilling processes; however, it is observed that they present certain weaknesses regarding documentation and reporting.

It is observed that the 5 Star OCs who scored less than 90 still need to strengthen some of their processes, which are mostly related to the OC components (Prevention Services). They also present weaknesses in their documentation and reporting.

The OCs under the 4 Star category not only present weaknesses in documentation and but they must also conduct additional efforts to strengthen those processes which are partially affecting the effective implementation of the OC components (Prevention Services).

It was found that the OCs under the 3 Star category need focalized and special technical assistance. In this regard, the OC Coordinators require more accompaniment to strengthen their capacities.

In order to maintain the focus on the continuous improvement of the operation processes of the OCs, in the next few months AJH-USAID will be guiding their efforts towards the satisfaction of their clients (in this case these are the children and youths who are benefitting or absorbing the protective factors). A multi-system focus was developed based on the analysis of the following aspects: what is being offered to children and youths in the OCs, how it is being done, and how it is being communicated in the community, as described below:

- **System 1: Services Offer:** Components that directly involve a service for its members (Creative Use of Free Time, Job Training, Dreaming my Life Challenge, Values Formation/Virtues, Educational Strengthening, and Opportunities). The main challenge in this system is to overcome the lack of opportunities through innovation.
- **System 2: OC Structure:** Support Committee, Microenterprise, Monitoring and Evaluation, Administration and Leverage. This system will target their efforts in the efficient use of resources.
- **System 3: Community Involvement:** Promotion, Community Outreach, and General Services. The objective of this component is to strengthen further the community's ownership of the OC.

As previously mentioned, the trophies and certificates were handed out at the III National Meeting of Partners and Coordinators of Outreach Centers on December 4 and 5. The event was held in Comayagua with the participation of around 150 people, which included the presence of both OC partners and coordinators, as well as the AJH-USAID team. In addition, Alejandra Hernández, Deputy-Minister for Prevention, Kurt Pope, USAID/Honduras Deputy Mission Director, Mauricio Cruz, AOR and other partners from government institutions and municipalities were present.

Throughout the meetings, and for a third consecutive year, the OCs in the Honduras Network were able to share their successful experiences and lessons learned, as told by their own protagonists using video footage. Special highlights of the results obtained at the child beneficiary, youth beneficiary, and community level, were also presented. Moreover, methodological aspects were strengthened through the use of thematic rooms, panels and conferences. The topics covered on this occasion were:

- “Working Teams and Shared Vision,” thematic room moderated by David Medina, Deputy Director of AJH-USAID.
- “Alliances and Resource Management,” thematic room moderated by Patricia López, Donations and Alliances Coordinator of AJH-USAID.
- “CEPTED Methodology and its Benefits,” thematic room moderated by a Representative of FHIS-IDECOAS.
- “Youths as Subjects for Development and Violence Prevention,” panel moderated by Miriam Canales, AJH-USAID Northern Office Coordinator.

- “The Adolescent Brain: New Research and its Implications for our Working Efforts,” Conference led by Salvador Stadthagen, COP AHJ-USAID.
- “Achievements, Success Stories, and Challenges of the Implementation of Outreach Centers,” panel moderated by David Medina, Deputy Director of AJH-USAID.
- “The Virtues Project,” Conference led by Dr. Veronica Trochez.

During this event, the main work guidelines were presented to the participants in an entertaining manner, underlying the importance of their implementation in the OCs. At the event’s conclusion, the partners and coordinators were provided with a USB containing the OC Manual and its respective Guides.

As in earlier years, the participant’s satisfaction levels exceeded expectations. It is important to highlight the general interest that The Adolescent Brain Conference generated among participants. Most expressed their desire to continue training in this topic since it is a great resource which will enable a better understanding of children and youth they work with.



III National Meeting of Partners and Coordinators of the Outreach

Ind. 4: Number of youth at Risk that received prevention benefits from OCs

A total of 22,002 young people have benefitted from 40 OCs. Of these, 11,931 female and 10,071 male.

OCs	Female	Male	Total
LA CEIBA	688	753	1441
Armenia Bonito	90	70	160
Búfalo	114	179	293
Primero de Mayo	59	51	110
San José	136	122	258
San Judas	238	264	502
Mercedes	51	67	118
CHOLOMA	2,734	2,132	4,866
Japón	190	212	402
López Arellano	1,212	672	1,884

Las Pilas	187	214	401
La Amistad	203	284	487
Rio Blanco	238	190	428
Olivos Verdes	296	278	574
Éxitos de Anach	275	178	453
Concepción	133	104	237
CENTRAL DISTRICT	1644	1461	3105
San Martin	235	208	443
Flor Del Campo	321	368	689
Nueva Capital	176	197	373
Zapote Norte	195	161	356
Estados Unidos	107	88	195
21 de Febrero	345	238	583
San Francisco	163	110	273
Ramón Amaya Amador	102	91	193
SAN PEDRO SULA	6,378	5,407	11,785
Cofradía Centro	1,999	1,251	3,250
Los Ángeles	285	265	550
Padre Claret	541	644	1185
Rivera Hernández	524	273	797
San Isidro	246	215	461
San José Ch	290	279	569
San Juan Ch	331	717	1048
Suazo Córdova	274	299	573
Arenales	260	277	537
San Vicente de Paul	280	240	520
Lempira	244	238	482
Morales	130	150	280
24 de Abril	110	100	210
Sandoval	467	193	660
Suyapa	160	106	266
10 de Septiembre	237	160	397
PUERTO LEMPIRA	487	318	805
Brotos Nuevos	233	109	342
Asla Wapaia	254	209	463
Total	11,931	10,071	22,002

Inaugurations

- The inauguration of the Suyapa Outreach Center (OC), Chamelecón Sector, San Pedro Sula, was held on October 3, with the attendance of:

Armando Calidonio	Mayor of San Pedro Sula
Reinaldo Sánchez	Secretary to the Presidency
Alejandra Hernández	Deputy Secretary of Security for Prevention
Feryd Bascha	Director of the National Youth Institute
Graco Paredes	Director Corporate Environment
	Cervecería Hondureña
Scott Hedlund	Director of Governance and Democracy
	USAID Honduras
Mauricio Cruz	AOR USAID Honduras
David Medina	Deputy Director AJH-USAID



Inauguration of the Suyapa OC

Upcoming OC Inaugurations:

OC	Inauguration
San Pedro Sula	
OC Miguel Ángel Pavón	February 2015
Choloma	
OC 11 Abril	February 2015
OC Ceden	March 2015
La Ceiba	
OC La Melgar I	February 2015
Central District	
OC Ramón Amaya Amador	January 2015
La Lima	
OC 23 de Septiembre	February 2015
Tela	

Note: AJH-USAID has had to postpone some inauguration dates at the request of the Presidency of the Republic.

- On October 11 and 12, the fitness training certifying company *Triple A* from its Costa Rica office, was able to certify (with international standards), a total 18 “My Neighborhood Gymnasiums” instructors of the San Pedro Sula, Choloma, La Ceiba, Tela, and Central District OCs.
- On October 20, youth from the Ramón Amaya Amador OC, 21 de Febrero OC and Estados Unidos OC of the Central District attended a soccer practice session with players of the U.S. Major League Soccer (MLS), the Portland Timbers. This visit was coordinated by USAID and took place in the National Stadium of Tegucigalpa. The soccer players handed out soccer balls to the youths.
- On November 25, U.S. Senator Tom Carper visited the 10 de Septiembre OC in San Pedro Sula as part of his ongoing efforts to address border security and to examine the root causes of undocumented migration. The Senator was accompanied by the U.S. Ambassador of Honduras James Nealon and the Honduras USAID Mission Director James Watson



Some OC Activities

The establishment of JuvenClub (Youth Clubs) continued this period, with a total of 38 clubs established or reinforced so far. The delivery of the equipment and materials for the Clubs also started during this period, and will continue throughout the first quarter of 2015. The clubs that have been established are listed in the following table:

OC	JuvenClub Name	Description
Choloma		
Olivos Verdes	Bicinike	Cycling (stunts)
Japón	Jóvenes para Cristo	Theater
La Amistad	Más que Vencedores	Cycling (stunts)
Rio Blanquito	Club Arte Grafico	Drawing and Painting
López Arellano	Danza Folclórica CDA López Arellano	Folkloric Dance

López Arellano	Break Dance	Break Dance and Hip Hop
Éxitos de Anach	Break Dance Crew	Break Dance and Hip Hop
11 de Abril	Amor y Esperanza	Drawing and Painting
Ceden	Power Dance	Break Dance y Hip Hop
La Lima		
23 de Septiembre	Club Deportivo Águilas	Street Soccer
La Ceiba		
Armenia Bonito	Revolución 24/7	Music Band
Primero de Mayo	Esperanza y Vida	Music Band
Búfalo	New Generation	Music Band
Melgar # 1	Jóvenes Triunfadores	Folkloric Dance
Las Mercedes	Jóvenes con Visión Profética	Music Band
San Judas	Young Forest	Environmental Club
San Pedro Sula		
10 de Septiembre	Espartanos	Volleyball Club
Padre Claret	Gente de Zona	Dance Club
Sandoval Sorto	Finding Stars	Modern Dance
Cofradía	Skatebrothers	Skating Club
24 de Abril	Fe, Esperanza y Amor	Theater
Miguel Ángel Pavón	Dance Girls	Dance Club
Morales III	Star Dance	Break Dance
San Juan	Mimos y Muppets	Mime
San Juan	BMX	Cycling (stunts)
San Isidro	Danza Mixta Jeziel	Mixed Dance
San José	Danza Folclórica CDA San Jose	Folkloric Dance
Rivera Hernández	Zumba CDA RH	Dance Club
Suazo Córdova	Nueva Generación	Modern Dance
San Vicente de Paul	Saint Vincent Music	Music Band
Los Ángeles	Club de Arte Los Ángeles	Paint Club
Arenales	Club de Animación Alegría	Clowns
Lempira	CDA Lempira Folklore Dance	Folkloric Dance
Tela		
15 de Septiembre	Diversión en las Alturas	Stilts Club
Central District		
San Francisco	Los Imparables	Cycling (stunts)
El Eden/Flor del Campo	New Sensation	Modern Dance
Estados Unidos	Tu arte en Mi	Theater Club
21 de Febrero	Arte Joven	Paint; music and literature Club

The organization of 7 JuvenClubs is still pending.



Arte Joven JuvenClub, 21 de Febrero OC

Dreaming My Life Challenge and Conflict Resolution Workshops

During this quarter, 1,004 new youths were trained in the two “Challenge of Dreaming My Life” modules (Life Plans and Conflict Resolution), bringing the total to 6,124 youth trained. This includes both Life Plans (DSMV) and Conflict Resolution (TDRC) modules.

OCs	Accumulated from previous months	October-December 2014		Total
		DSMV	TDRC	
SAN PEDRO SULA				
Rivera Hernández	53			53
San Juan	91			91
Suazo Córdova	63			63
San José	228			228
Padre Claret	127			127
Casa Quemada	34			34
Cofradía Centro	169			169
San Isidro	160	60		220
Los Ángeles	114			114
La Lempira	96			96
San Vicente de Paul	101			101
Arenales	204			204
Morales III	245			245
Suyapa		52		52

Sandoval	254	30	51	335
24 de Abril	120			120
CENTRAL DISTRICT				
Flor del Campo/Eden	205	22		227
San Martin	127			127
Nueva Suyapa	85			85
Nueva Capital	166			166
Zapote Norte	174	28		202
Ramón Amaya Amador	20	70		90
21 de Febrero		60		60
Estados Unidos	13	60		73
CHOLOMA				
López Arellano	184	30		214
Las Pilas	144	30	45	219
Japón	196		50	246
La Amistad	180	30	51	261
El Chaparro	95			95
Exitos de Anach	40			40
Rio Blanquito	75		50	125
Concepción	76		50	126
LA CEIBA				
Búfalo	98	60	65	223
Armenia Bonito	145			145
Primero de Mayo	120			120
San Judas Tadeo	85	60	50	195
San José	119			119
Melgar	143			143
Las Mercedes	93			93
PUERTO LEMPIRA				
Brotes Nuevos	0			0
Asla Wapaia	478			478
TOTAL	5,120	592	412	6,124



**INTERMEDIATE RESULT 1.3: YOUTH AGAINST VIOLENCE HONDURAS
ADVOCACY PROGRAM FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION.**

Ind. 5: Number of violence prevention initiatives promoted by JCVH approved by the Government of Honduras

In this period the activities of the “*Ponete Buzo*” (the Prevention Bus) Campaign continued. This awareness-raising campaign has the goal of socializing the National Violence Prevention Policy, through a bus equipped with sound and video and decorated by young Honduran Artists.

On October 9, Youth Against Violence Honduras (JCVH), organized a presentation of the “*Ponete Buzo*” (the Prevention Bus) Campaign to Elizabeth Hogan, USAID’s Acting Assistant Administrator for the Latin America and Caribbean Bureau (LAC). This presentation was held at the 10 de Septiembre OC, Chamelecon Sector, San Pedro Sula.

On October 4, the presentation of the “*Ponete Buzo*” (the Prevention Bus) Campaign was held at the Municipal Fair of Catacamas, Olancho, an event that gathered around 3,000 people.

On October 5, a media tour and an official launch of the “*Ponete Buzo*” (the Prevention Bus) Campaign was carried out in Comayagua, bringing together around 300 community members.

In November, an official launch of the “*Ponete Buzo*” (Prevention Bus) Campaign was held in La Ceiba, with the coverage of 4 major news outlets of the area, and the attendance of municipal authorities. The event was attended by approximately 100 people.

In addition, the Prevention Bus continued its tour, reaching out to communities of La Ceiba, El Progreso and Olanchito, benefiting approximately 610 youth.

Approximately 15,710 people participated in this campaign since its inception in September.

Along with the dissemination of the National Prevention Policy, JCVH, with the support of AJH-USAID, intensified during this quarter their advocacy efforts to achieve the exoneration of payment for judicial and/or police records issued to

youths looking for employment for the first time. At the time of the drafting of this report it is known that this was approved by Congress through a reform of the Law for the Strengthening of Revenues, Social Equity and Public Expenditure Rationalization, which had a clause added to Article 49 Paragraph 8, waiving the payment of the cost of these records to youth under twenty-two years of age.

This reform had been presented to the respective Evaluating Commission at Congress during late August 2014. The publication of the reform in the National Gazette, which will make effective the exonerations, is expected to happen in January 2015. The support received by JCVH from Congresswoman Carmen Esperanza Rivera, a member of the Honduran Congress representing La Ceiba, was key to accomplish this long sought reform and so was the participation of Joel Alemán, the Vice-President of JCVH, who happens to work with Congresswoman Rivera.

JCVH will continue to promote other advocacy initiatives such as the approval of the Firearms Control Law. The advocacy plan for this initiative is currently underway, and includes among other activities, the identification of key Congressmen which will likely support the efforts.



JCVH Coordinator is interviewed regarding the reform of the Law that will exempt youth seeking their first employment from paying the high cost of police and court records.

Ind. 6: Number of activities implemented by JCVH to promote violence prevention.

During this quarter, JCVH started 2 new activities and reinforced the implementation of the ones started before, counting with the support and technical assistance from AJH-USAID. So far this year, JCVH has already implemented 13 of the 16 new activities defined in their grant, but has also continued work in 5 additional activities consistent with their violence prevention efforts.

“LA HONDURAS QUE YO QUIERO” (THE HONDURAS THAT I WANT) AWARENESS-RAISING CAMPAIGN:

On November 8, the official launch of the “La Honduras que yo Quiero” (The Honduras that I Desire) awareness-raising campaign was held at the Central Park of Tegucigalpa and at the National Autonomous University of Honduras, where helium balloons were launched with violence prevention and peace messages. Approximately 60 people from organizations like *Hazte Notar*, *Techo Para Mi País* (Roof for my Country), and the National Foundation for Development (El Salvador) attended this event.



VIOLENCE WITH

“LA HONDURAS QUE YO QUIERO” CAMPAIGN

A STICKER” CAMPAIGN:

Throughout November, activities of the “Hit Violence with a Sticker” campaign were held in San Pedro Sula, Choloma, El Progreso, Comayagua and the Central District, with the goal of increasing public awareness about violence prevention. A total of 125 volunteers of the different JCVH chapters were able to tag more than 5,000 vehicles in the aforementioned cities.

On December 12, this campaign was carried out in Siguatepeque. A total of 15 “Prevention Ambassadors” placed over 200 stickers in cars and buses from the area.



“HIT VIOLENCE WITH A STICKER” CAMPAIGN

ACTIVITIES OF JCVH- CHAPTERS:

On October 24, the JCV-EI Progreso Chapter held a joint press conference with the Pro-Youth Council (CONJUPRO) to promote their current activities regarding violence prevention. Following, on October 25, JCV-EI Progreso participated in the “*Xplosión Juvenil*” (Youth Explosion) Peace March. This event was organized in partnership with the Municipality of El Progreso, CONJUPRO, *Fe y Alegría* (Faith and Joy), World Vision, *Yo Vivo Por Valores* (I Live for Values), Peace and Coexistence, among other organizations. JCV-EI Progreso was part of the organizing committee of this event, which brought together around 7,000 people.

PREVENTION AMBASSADORS AND MINI-BUZOS ACTIVITIES

On October 11, the opening of a new chapter of the *Prevention Ambassadors* was held in La Libertad Comayagua. This event was attended by the Mayor of La Libertad, municipal authorities, the Coordinator of the Municipal Children and Youth Office, and over 200 community members.

The *Comayagua and Tegucigalpa Prevention Ambassadors Meeting* was held in October 29, to plan the activities for the remainder of 2014 and for 2015. A total of 120 youths participated in this event

On November 1, the Mini-Buzos of Choloma (Prevention Ambassadors children’s group), travelled to La Ceiba to perform in a dance presentation at the Manuel Bonilla Institute. Approximately 500 people enjoyed this activity. Similarly, on November 14, they participated in the Peace Pathways activities held in the Lopez Arellano community in Choloma. About 250 people participated in this activity.

This period, JCVH continued to carry out community-based violence prevention activities with the support of the *Prevention Ambassadors* such as “Decorating my Neighborhood”, Soccer tournaments, street cinema and Cleaning-up Campaigns, among others. Together these activities mobilized over 1,355 youths and 85 families



Community Activities of JCVH Chapters

JCVH'S TELEVISION BROADCAST ON HONDURAS NATIONAL TELEVISION (TNH IN SPANISH) AND ATLÁNTIDA TV.

14 new TV programs were carried out this quarter, 8 in the National TV Channel (TV8) and 6 in Atlántida TV of La Ceiba.

It is important to note that although the program is presented live on Saturdays, the TV stations frequently re-transmit the programs during other weekdays.

N°	Name and description	Date and month
TV Programs-Tegucigalpa		
1	Infecciones de Transmisión Sexual ITS/ <i>Sexually Transmitted Diseases STD</i>	October 04
2	La Realidad de los Jóvenes/ <i>The Reality of Youths</i>	October 25
3	Repetición La Realidad de los Jóvenes/ <i>Repetition of the Reality of Youths</i>	November 1
4	Educación es Prevención/ <i>Education is Prevention</i>	November 8
5	Honduras Inclusiva/ <i>Inclusive Honduras</i>	November 15
6	Navidad 5 Estrellas	December 6
7	Encuentro Nacional JCVH 2014/ <i>JCVH 2014 National Meeting</i>	December 20
8	Fin de Año 2014/ End of the Year 2014	December 27
TV Programs-La Ceiba		
1	Lucha por tus Sueños/ <i>Fight for your Dreams</i>	October 11
2	La Autoestima / <i>Self-esteem</i>	October 18
3	Desafíos para los Jóvenes del Siglo XXI/ <i>Challenges for Youths in the XXI Century</i>	October 25
4	El valor de la Solidaridad/ <i>The value of Solidarity</i>	December 6
5	Reflexión en esta Navidad/ <i>Christmas Reflection</i>	December 20
6	JCVH Familia en Navidad/ Christmas with the <i>JCVH Family</i>	December 27

III NATIONAL MEETING OF THE YOUTH MOVEMENT AGAINST VIOLENCE

From December 12 to December 14, the III National Meeting of the Youth Movement Against Violence took place in Sambo Creek, near La Ceiba. The meeting gathered the directives and a selection of the “star volunteers” from each of the six JCVH Chapters (La Ceiba, Choloma, San Pedro Sula, El Progreso, Comayagua, and the Central District). The event also counted as the General

Annual Assembly called by JCVH's NGO charter. It served to recognize, motivate and transfer capacities to the youth leaders. A dialogue among Donors and JCVH took place on December 14, with the participation of the Director of KNH in Honduras, Dr. Elmer Villeda and Salvador Stadthagen, Director of AJH-USAID. KNH announced that their organization was ready to have JCVH become their full partner during early 2015, which means financial support for some of their activities during the next 5 years. JCVH instituted awards (trophies) in different categories, recognizing the efforts of the different Chapter and individuals. Approximately 100 youth and invitees participated in the event.



III NATIONAL MEETING OF THE YOUTH MOVEMENT AGAINST VIOLENCE

INTERMEDIATE RESULT 1.4: GREATER ENGAGEMENT FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN ADVOCATING FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION OPPORTUNITIES IS ACHIEVED THROUGH CAMPAIGNS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVES INVOLVING MEDIA AND OTHER GRANTS.

Ind. 7: Number of new Civil Society Organizations receiving USG assistance in security/prevention sector oversight and advocacy

Under the new Result Indicators Framework proposed in 2014, the goal of this Indicator was increased in 4 organizations. The indicator has been already met, through the work being carried out with the following organizations:

- The Say Yes to Life (“Dile Si a la Vida” in Spanish) Social Movement
- Buckner Honduras
- Asociación Cristiana de Jóvenes -Christian Youth Association (ACJ-YMCA).
- Vision to the Nations Ministries, Chamelecón, San Pedro Sula

“SAY YES TO LIFE” ACTIVITIES

On November 27, the Social Movement, “Say Yes to Life” (Dile Sí a la Vida in Spanish) launched the campaign “Coast to Coast, Honduras for Peace” with assistance from AJH-USAID. This awareness-raising event was held in San

Pedro Sula with the objective of calling for a halt to violence in Honduras. To carry out the project, people will join hands and form a human chain between San Lorenzo and Puerto Cortes, covering 400 kilometers and involving nearly 400,000 people in the process. An estimated 500 people attended this event, including representatives of professional associations, such as the College of Physicians, College of Psychologists, College of Professional Nurses, both university and high school students, and JCVH representatives from the San Pedro Sula and El Progreso chapters, along with other civil society organizations. The event was animated by the national artists, Guillermo Anderson and “El Chevo”.

On December 2, the Social Movement, “Say Yes to Life”, continued with the launch of the “*Coast to Coast, Honduras for Peace*” campaign in Tegucigalpa. The event was held in the Auditorium of the College of Physicians of Honduras, with the assistance of around 400 people, including representatives of professional associations and an audience similar as in the launch in San Pedro Sula. The Deputy-Secretary for Prevention, Alejandra Hernández, represented the Government of Honduras during the event.

Also on December 2, the Say Yes to Life Social Movement (Dile Si a la Vida, in Spanish) organized a visit of Honduran-American celebrities, including Singer “El Chevo” (Cesar Chevo Carias) and blogger “Lipstickfables” (Ana Alvarado) to the Ramón Amaya Amador Outreach Center in Tegucigalpa. They shared their experiences with Outreach Center youth and encouraged them to achieve their dreams.



Launch of the campaign “*Coast to Coast, Honduras for Peace*”

Ind. 8: Number of communities reached by media, mobile and community crime prevention campaigns

This quarter, AJH-USAID concluded The “**Community Talents Show**” campaign, as follows:

- October 4, for the Chamelecón Sectors OCs: This event was held in the Central Park of San Pedro Sula and was organized in partnership with FUNADEH. Fifteen talented young artists enthusiastically performed for an audience of approximately 300 people, which included the Deputy Minister of Security for Prevention Alejandra Hernández. The event closed in a high note with a confetti shower.
- October 5, Sandoval Sorto OC, San Pedro Sula: Twenty young artists showcased their talents in a never before seen event in that community that continued until the nightfall. This event brought together more than 400 people from the community and from the Choloma and San Pedro Sula OCs. Families enjoyed a fun and safe environment in a community where the night is synonymous with violence, ending with a display of fireworks. This event included the assistance of the Communications Staff of the Headquarter offices of Creative Associates International Inc. Both events included the special performance of the renowned artist Eduardo Umanzor (founder of the former *Montuca Sound System* band).

As an additional effort to promote violence prevention activities developed in Honduras, on November 22, and within the framework of the Conference on Investment, which was associated with the Alliance for Prosperity initiative, in an event organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington DC, the Government of Honduras with the support of AJH-USAID, showcased a photographic exhibit called “*The Faces of Prevention*”, which highlights the Program’s violence prevention efforts in Honduras. The exhibit displayed 49 vibrant photos of children and youth beneficiaries of the Honduras Outreach Centers (OCs), volunteers, faith-based organizations, and community leaders who support the Program.

The photo exhibit was inaugurated by President Juan Orlando Hernandez, in the presence of the Presidents of Guatemala and El Salvador, and the President of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

The Deputy Director of AJH-USAID accompanied the Deputy-Secretary of Security for Prevention of Honduras to a series of meetings in Washington DC, to organize and present the aforementioned exhibit. They also participated in the Forum on Child Migration held at the Atlantic Council, and met with Mr. Mark Feirstein, Associate Administrator of USAID in his office.

On October 9, the Creative’s HQ Communications Staff conducted an interview with the First Lady of Honduras. The footage will be used in a series of videos about the AJH-USAID program, as well as the Joint Program implemented with the Government of Honduras.

The planning and preparation for the launch of the “Tela: The Moment is Now”, Identity and Violence Prevention Awareness-Raising Campaign, was also carried

out this period. The launch for this campaign will be held simultaneously with the inauguration event of the first Outreach Center in Tela early next year.

The bidding process for the short (video) production of the awareness-raising campaign “No Me Juzgues” (Do not Judge me) is underway. This campaign is targeted to the business sector and has the objective to showcase messages that will serve to overcome discrimination practices against youths and young adults from at-risk-communities who seek employment opportunities.

RESULT 2: INCREASED SKILL BUILDING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH THROUGH MULTI-SECTORIAL PARTNERSHIPS

Ind. 9: Number of Youths participating in skills building and/or vocational training who are involved in income generating activities as a result

On October 21, the Secretary of Labor and Social Security of Honduras, Carlos Madero and the Director of AJH-USAID, signed a cooperation agreement for the implementation of the “*Empléate*” (Get Employed) Program, which will enable OC youth beneficiaries to have access to jobs registered at the Secretariat’s jobs bank. The signing was held in the Estados Unidos OC of the Central District.

As of December 31, 2014, 340 youth had been registered as involved in income generating activities or jobs as a result of benefits or services received at OCs. The actual number may be much higher, as sub-registry persists, although more successful cases are being reported.

A total of 488 OC youth received certified training this quarter through INFOP:

Municipality	OCs	Workshop name	Number of participants
DC.	Nueva Capital	Appliances Repair	24
	Ramón Amaya Amador	Computer Science	56
		Sewing	30
		English	75
	21 de Febrero	Computer Science	50
		English	50
	Zapote Norte	Computer Science	50
SPS	Sandoval Sorto	Beauty	50
		Cutting and Sewing	13
		Cooking and Bakery	90
Total			488

A total of 281 OC youths received training this quarter through FUNADEH:

Municipality	OCs	WORKSHOP NAME	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
San Pedro Sula	Suyapa	Preparation of Events	20
		Cooking	17
	San Juan	Computer Repair	13
		Barber Shop	35
	San Jose	Piñata Making	25
	San Isidro	Automotive Mechanic	2
		Dance and Theater	60
	Rivera Hernandez	Piñata Making	30
	Cofradía Centro	Computer Repair	30
	Morales	Computer Repair	9
Choloma	Lopez Arellano	Chef Assistant	10
	Éxitos de Anach	Handicraft	30
		Soccer	
Total			281

More than 1,856 youth (corresponding to 56,797 hours of training) participated in workshops arranged by OCs through community volunteers in areas including computer science, English, and barbershop skills, among others. In addition, more than 2,616 youth benefited through homework assistance, values/virtues activities, accelerated learning, and creative use of free time (corresponding to 82,329 hours of training).



**Computer Course
Graduation
24 de Abril OC**



**Signing of the
Cooperation Agreement
for the “Empléate”
Program at the OCs**



**Jewelry Making Workshop
Fair
San José OC, La Ceiba**

RESULT 3: INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EX-GANG MEMBERS AND VULNERABLE YOUTH.

Ind. 10: Number of youths (former gang, violent soccer “barras” members and from restorative justice programs) trained which are in income-generating activities.

During this period, 18 beneficiaries were trained in the *Second Opportunities* program of CCIT, as detailed in the chart below:

Training Sessions	Number of Beneficiaries Year 2013	Number of new Beneficiaries January to September 2014	Number of new Beneficiaries October to December 2014	Total
Dreaming my Life Challenge	142	76	18	236
Conflict Resolution	120 (68 of these participants are the same as the above)	53 (70 these participants are the same as the above)	18(these participants are the same as the above)	191
Entering the Job Market	109	70 (46 of these participants are the same as the above)	18(these participants are the same as the above)	197
My First Job	115	70 (these participants are the same as the above)	18(these participants are the same as the above)	203
Resilience	62	70 (these participants are the same as the above)	18(these participants are the same as the above)	152
Cellphone Repair (INFOP)	20			20

A total of 14 new micro-entrepreneurial or self-employment kits were delivered in this period. To date, 189 kits have been delivered to beneficiaries of this insertion program.

	Name of Beneficiary	Material/Equipment “Kit” for
1	Sammy G.	Sewing machine and fabric
2	Ayel M.	Sale of cheese
3	Mariely F.	Sewing machine and fabric
4	Danny N.	Sales of clothing
5	Jose N.	Welding
6	Mayra S.	Sales of clothing
7	Delvis C.	Sales of clothing
8	Heldy G.	Sales of clothing
9	Doris A.	Sales of clothing
10	Yeni P.	Sales of clothing
11	Jose G.	Sales of clothing
12	Jimmy R.	Sales of clothing
13	Elisau G.	Sales of eggs
14	Jonathan R.	Sales of clothing

On December 19, Jesús Lanza (*Chuy* as he is known), a beneficiary of this program won a prize of \$5,000 (to invest in his small business) in the “*Honduras Emprende*” entrepreneurship contest, held annually by the Tegucigalpa Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Chuy hasn’t always been this successful. Just a couple of years ago, he was off course, involved in drugs, drinking and destructive habits, but with the support of the Chamber of Commerce and Alianza Joven Honduras, Chuy experienced quite a transformation.

RESULT 4: JUVENILE JUSTICE AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM.

Ind. 11: Number of key Juvenile Justice Operators, Government and NGO personnel trained in the Juvenile Justice reforms.

During this period, USAID approved a grant proposal to support the Judicial Branch in Juvenile Restorative Justice with the training of Juvenile Justice Operators. It is expected that the activities will begin next quarter.

The Judicial School shall be responsible for the implementation of this in-kind grant, and will focus on Juvenile Justice Operators working in childhood and family areas, these include: Court of Appeal Magistrates, Specialized Judges in children and family, Sectional Judges, and Public Defenders.

- Two informative workshops will be held in Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula for major news outlets and journalist. The event will focus on the terminology, concepts, and implications of the Reform of the Juvenile Justice System and on Restorative Justice.
- Restorative Justice Workshops for Justice Operators, led by international experts Dr. Victor Herrero, officer of the prestigious Terre Des Hommes Foundation based in Switzerland, and the Ecuatorian-American Restorative Justice specialist, Charito Calvachi-Mateyko, will take place in Tegucigalpa, San Pedro and La Ceiba during March, 2015.

V. CHALLENGES

- The databases developed for both the PROPONTE Program and the OCs are expected to be fully operational, to be utilized by their final users (Family Counselors and OC Coordinators), during the next quarter, and thus, a rigorous training process needs to be carried out for the rapid implementation of this new IT platforms.

VI. NEXT STEPS

- Program and make arrangements for the Juvenile and Restorative Justice workshops with the Judicial School.
- Continue to assist and provide guidance to JCVH in the expansion of their activities and growth as an organization.
- Continue with the OC methodology transfer process and joint implementation efforts with FUNADEH.
- Open and inaugurate the rest of the 7 new OCs.
- Strengthen OCs technically in order that they prepare for the “5 Star” evaluation that will take place in May, 2015.
- Continue with the process of introducing new approaches/methodologies to the OCs.
- Continue the JuvenClub formation and development in the San Pedro Sula/Choloma, La Ceiba, La Lima and Tela OC communities.
- Continue with the implementation of violence prevention awareness-raising campaigns.
- Discuss the sponsorship and presentation of the “Do Not Judge Me” (No Me Juzgues, in Spanish) campaign with COHEP (Honduran Council of the Private Enterprise) and the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Tegucigalpa, San Pedro Sula and La Ceiba.
- Continue to implement the PROPONTE activities in the communities.
- Start the Systematization of the PROPONTE Pilot.

VII. LESSONS LEARNED

- It is very effective to foster a healthy competition among the OCs to encourage their better performance, responsibility and creativity.